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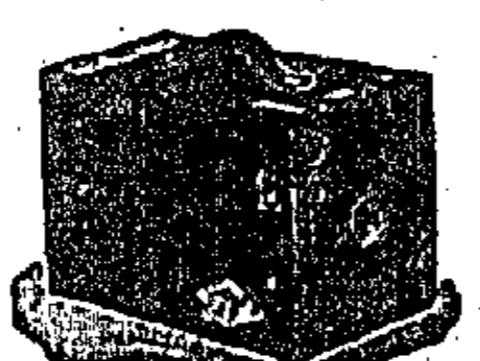
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On 3rd March, at Nagasaki, Captain W. E.  
PASHMORE, of the Douglas S. S. Co. of Hongkong,  
to NELA ANGUS BANKS.  
DEATHS.  
On 12th March, in America, the wife of Dr.  
EUGENE H. HART, of Wuhan.  
On 23rd March, at Shanghai, WINTON LEELE  
SASSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. SASSON BENJAMIN,  
aged 11 months.

The Daily Press.  
HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DESVREUX ROAD C.I.  
LONDON OFFICE: 181, FLEET STREET, E.C.  
HONGKONG, MARCH 29TH, 1905.

Our recent indiscret prophecy, after the last great rout of the Russian armies, that next month would see an end of war, seems to have aroused the sporting instincts of several readers, who offer to wager that we were wrong. Apart from the somewhat doubtful taste of betting in connection with such dreadful carnage, it is obviously impossible that such a transaction could benefit anybody. By all past experience, as well as by present patent necessities, the war should be over very soon now, if only in the way we suggested; that is without formal agreements or declarations of peace. So far as indications go, the probability is that some sort of peace will soon be arranged. REUTER tells us that the peace party in Europe is daily growing stronger, and more clamorous; and it is quite in keeping with Russian methods that she should strenuously deny what she has probably been contemplating for some time. Cowardly schoolboys, and bullies embroiled in a street fight, are often secretly glad of a cessation, but all the time they make a show of eagerness to continue. If the least kind of interference were offered, the mildest representation made, only sufficient to "save face" for Russia, it is possible that Power would with a joyful reluctance seize upon it. The idea that there might be

a stoppage of the war without formal declaration of peace has also been voiced now by a Home paper, and the circumstances in Manchuria, as well as historical precedent, certainly justify it. But the feeling has been growing among the Powers, or some of them, and the Times has but lately given clear expression to it, that such a peace would be unsatisfactory. Japan must be encouraged to insist upon her pound of flesh this time; her mighty aggressor, being down, must be kept down; and there must be no sneaking in of the jackals to devour what the sick lion—or bear—has been unable to digest. Assuming that the end of the war is in fact very near at hand, no time need be wasted in discussing the terms which REUTER, no doubt inspired by some responsible Russian authority, published from St. Petersburg as palatable to the beaten side. It is Japan's terms only that are material, if indeed the Powers mean to see fairplay, and Japan's terms were, in essence, made public when she embarked upon this war. As the conqueror, she has undisputed right to round them to a sufficiency, adding certain details that subsequent events have rendered essential. It is not difficult to read between the lines of many current comments a sneaking sort of pity for Russia in being placed in the position of say, China, in regard to the question of indemnity. Such a Power, with such a prestige, to pay little Japan a big indemnity! We have not yet adjusted our ideas to new circumstances, and the very idea of that seems to stick in some gullets. Well, Russia should have thought of that before. If she had had the walk-over that she anticipated, Japan would be subscribing to a big indemnity now, if there had been any Japan left. The gambler who goes to Macao to bring away money from the *fan tan* tables has no right to complain if he leaves there all he took; and Russia must performe swallow the bitter pill of the unsuccessful gambler. Instead of insolently offering Japan, her conqueror, a third of Manchuria which does not belong to her, she must obey Japan's first command, to retire bag and baggage, and then pay for the trespass she has committed. The opinion in London is stated to be that "neither Russia nor Japan place any reliance upon the efforts of outside diplomacy." That is very simple. Outside diplomacy, except in the nature of a benevolent inactivity, would be an impertinence to the conqueror, who has achieved, or practically achieved, what he wanted unaided; while Russia cannot rely upon it because any outside diplomacy that could interfere on her behalf successfully would be like the rank dishonesty that first gave her Port Arthur, and a repetition of which Great Britain could not, for very shame's sake, countenance. The American fear that Russia and Japan might come to some agreement that would close the "open door" in Manchuria seems to us a baseless one, for apart altogether from the inevitable interference of the Powers, in such case, Japan is likely to think a long time before the value of any new agreement with the treaty-breaker would appeal to her statesmen. Once bitten, twice shy, is scarcely adequate to express the Japanese point of view where Russia is concerned. For the rest of those quaint terms which REUTER communicated from his St. Petersburg agency, Baron SUZEMATSU seems to have summarily dismissed them in terms that in effect were these: Allow Japanese suzerainty in Corea? We have it already. Cede Port Arthur and Lioutung to us? Might as well cede Nagasaki. Place the Eastern Chinese Railway under neutral international administration? The greater part of it is actually under Japanese administration. Restore Manchuria as far north as Harbin to China? What cheek! We have fought, and won, to make Russia evacuate all Manchuria; and it is not for the vanquished now to talk of reserving two thirds of it. And so on. Even the conquering power is not going to swap Chinese territory in this way. No one can justly interfere if, in handing back Manchuria to China, she takes steps to see that China does not mislay it again; but it is difficult to see how even victorious Japan could propose to retain that territory as her own. As to the indemnity, our yesterday's telegram announcing a "terrific deficit" in Russian finances, and the bogus nature of her reserve, seem to put that country more than ever on a level with China. It must be paid in the same way that China is paying hers, however; and we doubt not that it will be paid. The news, until peace is declared, seems to put any more Russian loans out of the question; and without the sinews of war, it seems obvious that Russia must come speedily to terms. Hence, while we may

possibly have to shift the date a little, hold to the opinion that peace is near than generally supposed; and that the will be no "Spring campaign."

A Chinese died of plague yesterday at Kowloon.

At Copenhagen, a Danish-Japanese trade syndicate has been formed.

Dr. Eastlako, an American schoolmaster Tokyo, is reported dead, aged 46.

Members of the Hongkong Chess Club reminded that entries for the handicap tournament close on the 31st inst.

It is reported in the North that the Japanese have shot an spy a foreigner travelling between Shinkman and Moulouen.

An important military reform is taking place in China. It is reported that the Imperial forces are to be styled, Lu Chan instead of Chang Pei.

We have received a Rainier beer calendar, got up by the Seattle Browning and Malting Company. It is a highly coloured picture of Miss Marie Doro in "The Girl from Kays."

The Tientsin Lawn Tennis Club, finding itself with a balance in hand of over \$800, talked of reducing its subscription of the dollars a month. The Committee was asked to consider it.

Sheng Hsuan-hui, (Sheng Tajen) is trying to buy up mineral lands near the Pekin Syndicate's Concession, not with any intention of working them, but presumably to foretell any possible purchase by the syndicate.

Two vases 5 feet high and a plate 3 feet in diameter, to cost Tls. 5,000 have been specially ordered by the Empress Dowager as presents to the Courts of England, America and Japan, together with fox furs, pearls etc., as a token of esteem.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation have subscribed for £500 of shares in the British Cotton-Growing Association. In a letter from the bank conveying this information, the manager informs the Association that the directors feel they ought to support the cotton-growing movement, and that they wish it every success.

Master A. Dyer Ball, son of Mr. J. Dyer Ball of Hongkong, has passed his London Matriculation, first division. He is sixteen years of age, and a pupil at Mill Hill School. This examination is as high as it is possible for him to pass under the new conditions. Mr. Dyer Ball thinks he will go in for the Indian Civil Service.

The Daily Graphic, Colonial Edition, dated Feb. 24th, has a good photograph of the late Sir Robert Jardine, wearing a Gladstone waistcoat and a bowler hat. He is pictured as a good-looking old man, with large, heavily lidded eyes well separated, long straight nose, short upper lip and mobile mouth, and a cleft in the chin. He has gray whiskers, trimmed fairly close. It is a clever face, with an expression of kindly humour.

Writing of Shanghai's decision to give votes to volunteers and firemen, the *Tientsin Times* says "the measure may also prove of value to the Council and public at large, as it stands to reason no monopoly of sound judgment and common-sense is enjoyed by the men sufficiently well-off to be land owners and renters, and the community has a right to the benefit of astute brains whether they belong to poor or rich." It seems to us that this argument is capable of considerable extension.

Calling to interview Taro Myaki, the celebrated Japanese wrestler at the Lyceum, a reporter was understood by the champion (who speaks no English) to be taking up his public challenge. He was immediately seized and thrown on his back, and his arm locked in an agonizing manner. Being ignorant of the regulation signal of acknowledgement of defeat he was nearly murdered before he got away. Moreover, the champion, it is believed, imagined that the journalist owes him a large sum in stakes.

The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works, returned to the Colony yesterday by the German mail steamer after an absence of twelve months at home on furlough. Mrs. Chatham accompanied her husband. Mr. G. L. Tomlin, Secretary of the China Fire Insurance Co. also returned to the Colony by the same steamer, and resumes charge of the Company's business to-day. Mr. and Mrs. Tucher, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wallace (formerly of Hongkong but now of Amoy) and several other Hongkong residents returned from home by the same steamer.

Sir Edward Fry has just written an article on "Commercial Morality" for the *Magazine of Commerce* in the high and noble strain of Marcus Aurelius. He invites us to examine ourselves in all the relations that arise as between buyer and seller, master and servant, principal and agent, and consider our conduct in each of those relations. A large sphere of dishonesty, he assures us, will be disclosed. How different Sir Edward's lofty attitude from that of the American man of business whose advice to his son is quoted in *To-day*: "As you go through this world, my son," said the man of business, "you will see many men around you getting by fraudulent means; do not imitate them. They are bound to be found out in the end. Honesty is the best policy." The son agreed.

"And," pursued the father, "if you will study up the law, you will be surprised to find how many things you can do in business, and still be honest."

Major Chapman will act as Commandant of the Volunteers during Major Pritchard's six months absence on leave.

Russia has declared, through her diplomatic representative in all capitals, that not a single step has been taken by her which could serve to bring about peace. It depends how they look at it. The army is moving quickly back to Harbin.

H.R.H. Friedrich Leopold, Prince of Prussia, is on board the *Prinz Eitel Friedrich*, which left Hongkong for the north yesterday afternoon. He is on his way to Taku and Peking, and then to Manchuria to accompany the Russian forces. He is accompanied by Major von Hofmann, Major von Rathenow Dr. Kellner and two lieutenants. Yesterday he called on Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G.

The Dallas Bandmann Opera Company gave their final performance for this season last night, when *A Country Girl* was again staged before a good house. This charming musical comedy had an enthusiastic reception, and the encore and applause and floral tributes testified to the well deserved popularity which this talented Company have earned during their stay in Hongkong. They leave for Shanghai by the Empress of China.

At the next Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd., to be held on the 11th of April next, the Directors will recommend the payment of a dividend to shareholders of 20 per cent.—\$12 per share out of the balance at credit of 1903 account, also a special dividend of 5 per cent.—\$3 per share, out of interest account for 1904, and the transfer of \$50,000 to credit of Reserve Fund, bringing the fund up to \$750,000.

The Volunteers have decided to form a Rifle Club. Sixty-five names have already been sent in and an additional thirty or forty are expected to be forthcoming. The Tai-Hung range will be available for the Club daily, excepting Sundays, when it will be reserved for the usual Voluntary shooting. The annual subscription was fixed at \$3, payable in advance. Major Pritchard has been elected President, Lieutenant Northcott, honorary secretary and treasurer, and Sergeant Pennington and Gunner Hayton on the Committee.

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## TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S SERVICE]

MAXIME GORKY.

LONDON, 26th March.  
The Russian authorities have decided to prosecute Maxime Gorky now at Riga, on a charge of drafting proclamations for the overthrow of the government.

THE WAR.

[REUTER'S SERVICE]

CAVALRY SKIRMISHING.

LONDON, 26th March.  
General Linievitch, wiring on the 24th instant, reports several cavalry skirmishes in the vicinity of the railway.

THE RUSSIAN MUDDLEMENT.

LONDON, 26th March.  
An Imperial Ulkase deprives General Gripenberg of the command of the second Manchurian Army, though he remains Aide-de-Camp to the Tsar.

The third Baltic fleet has left Suez southward.

("N. C. Daily News" Service.)

FOLLOWING UP THE PURSUIT.

TOKYO, 23rd March.  
It is officially announced that the Japanese pursuit has reached on Tuesday afternoon to Changchun, north of the Great Wall.

The Russians were still retreating in disorder towards the north-east, along the railway. Part of the Russian cavalry was halting on three miles north of Changchun.

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His Lordship—You draw a difference between a suggestion by the plaintiff's counsel of his own motion and an answer to an allegation of fact.

Mr. Pollock—Quite so, My Lord.

His Lordship—This is to be said in favour of your argument:—This is not a suggestion by counsel; it was an admission of the plaintiff's statement. At the time when Boileau against Ruttin was decided, was it possible to get admissions?

Mr. Pollock—I do not know, but under the old practice any statement made in the pleadings had to be confirmed on oath. We submit that in this action the only theory possible is that this admission was made upon the instruction of Wong Sun Nam, because it would be absurd to suppose that it could possibly come out of the brain of counsel or solicitors instructing counsel.

In the case of Buckmaster against Meiklejohn, in 1853, Baron Park made admissions which the party wishes to raise for the opinion of the jury. Such was the practice in 1853, but it is quite obvious that such statements cannot hold water for a moment at the present time.

His Lordship—Judgment can be obtained on a statement in the pleadings.

Mr. Pollock—It is for the court to ask whether the admission made is for some technical advantage, or whether it is a plain admission of fact. It is really for the court to treat er<sup>o</sup> y admission on its merits, and the court as

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Mr. Calthrop—A new question is whether the defendant was actually a partner, and not whether he held himself out as a partner. The only evidence presented is that in February, 1901, Wong Shing-Tak, who was at that time the only partner of the firm in Hongkong, went with the defendant to the plaintiff firm, and then in answer to a question put to him gave the name of partners in the firm, and said the defendant was one of them. The defendant will deny that he was a partner in the firm. I shall be able to show that this firm commenced in 1875 and at that time there were twenty partners. The defendant's connection with the firm was twelve or fourteen years ago. For the last six or seven years he was employed as a buyer or seller. The manager was his uncle, Wong Shing-Tak, and if his uncle was away one of the employees of the firm would have to use the firm's chop and sign his name. That is how the defendant used the firm's chop, and signed his name. He did not sign as a partner, but as one of the persons whose business was to carry on the business of the firm. When the plaintiffs commenced these proceedings they began by juggling two other persons into being partners in the firm, but they apparently had no evidence whatever to go upon against these two, and they dropped it. The evidence of these men is not trustworthy when one considers the reckless assertions made as to who were the partners in the firm.

After some further remarks Mr. Calthrop called evidence for the defense. The case was adjourned.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.  
BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH  
(PUSINE JUDGE).

Two actions were brought against J. F. Hayes, a clerk in the employ of Messrs. P. Loumire and Company. In the first the Hongkong Hotel claimed \$7 for refreshments supplied, and in the other Cheong Leo and Company, of 29 and 31, Des Voeux Road Central, claimed \$182.55 on account of furniture sold and delivered. In the latter action Mr. A. E. Bonnar (of Messrs. Dennis and Bowley) appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. P. W. Goldring, who sought to make a composition, for the defendant. Judgment went against the defendant in both actions. His Honour saying that the defendant and Cheong Leo and Company could arrange any terms of payment they chose.

YEE WO CHEONG V. EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

Judgment was given in this action. Mr. Norman Ferrara, instructed by Mr. R. A. Harding, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. John Hays (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master), for the defendants.

His Honour said:—In this action Yee Wo Cheong, a Chinese firm trading at 101, Bondum Strand East in this Colony, seek to recover from the Eastern and Australian Steamship Company, Limited, whose agents in Hongkong are Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Company, the sum of \$1,000 as damages for the non-delivery of certain sandalwood shipped at Timor on the steamship *Empire* for carriage to Hongkong. It appears that on the 12th October 1904 the defendant's steamship *Empire* called at Timor and took on board a cargo of sandalwood in respect of which bills of lading were signed by the defendant's agent. Under two of these bills of lading the Yee Wo Cheong were the consignees. These two documents are as follows:—

"Shipped in apparent good order and well conditioned, &c., &c., a lot of sandalwood said to be 631 pieces, a lot of sandalwood said to be 78 pieces and a lot of sandalwood said to be 2,478 pieces being marked and numbered as in the margin, etc., etc."

The total of the pieces entered in the two bills of lading was 3,187, and it is agreed that only 3,074 pieces were delivered in Hongkong to the consignees.

If the bills of lading had not contained the words "said to be" or other qualifying words, the shipowners would have had to prove that 3,187 pieces were not as a fact shipped at Timor, but that only 3,074 pieces were shipped, in order to establish a successful defence in an action for damages for short delivery.

The principal authorities for this proposition are McLean v. Fleming L.R. 2 H. 1. Sc. 128, Harrington v. Katz 10 T. L.R. 115 and 400, and Smith v. B. & S. N. Co. (1896) A.C. 70. If, however, qualifying words, such as those used in these bills of lading are introduced, it was argued, on the authority of Jessel v. Bath L.R. 2 Ex. 267 and Lebant v. G. S. N. Co. L.R. 8 C. P. 96, that the onus moved from the shipowner to the shipper or consignee to show that, as a fact, 3,187 pieces and not only 3,074 pieces, were received on board by the shipowners. Conceding that the authorities quoted establish that the onus is shifted, I am of opinion that the plaintiffs have discharged that onus, and proved, as well as could be proved, that the number of pieces 3,187 entered on the bill of lading, as opposed to the 3,074 pieces actually delivered, were shipped. They have also proved that there was a mistake in one bill of lading in which the figures 78 should have been 87, as they appear in the mate's receipt as altered by the shipowner's agent, and in the Timor Customs Export document. The total number of pieces shipped was therefore 3,196, and the shortage was 12 pieces.

Though I have said enough for the purposes of my decision, I will make a few observations on points which arose in the case. The conduct in Hongkong of Lai Shuk-ki, who saw the pieces shipped at Timor and accompanied them to Hongkong, raises no suspicion in my mind that he has testified falsely in order to

enable the shippers in Timor to obtain from the consignees the price of more pieces than those shipped.

Shortly, if not immediately after the *Empire* arrived in Hongkong on the 20th October, some of the pieces of sandalwood shipped by her found their way to Macao. Such pieces were either a portion of the pieces delivered to the consignees, or a portion of the pieces on board, but not delivered. It is almost certain that three of these pieces were a portion of the pieces delivered to the plaintiffs. If that is so, the effect is only to show that the consignees have been defrauded after delivery, either with or without the connivance of their servants; for the consignees did not send or sell the pieces to Macao, and would not be likely to send them to a marine store dealer in that Colony, or under a false name. The incident cannot affect the question of how many pieces were actually shipped at Timor, unless, as is not the case, it had been proved that Lai Shuk-ki had been a party to the fraud on the consignees; in which case his evidence would have been tainted and unreliable.

I have no doubt that a misunderstanding, not consurable under the circumstances, occurred in the record of the report made by Yip King-nam at the Water Police Station. I can ascribe no motive to him in deliberately making a false report; but if he made a false report, the bearing of reporting a loss of 220 pieces instead of 55 pieces upon the question of the number of pieces actually shipped at Timor, is not apparent to me.

Moreover, proof that all the pieces found on board were tallied into lighters and then delivered in full to consignees, does not establish that all the goods shipped at Timor had been tallied and delivered. But if it had been proved that plaintiffs' servants were on board from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the 20th October when the sandalwood was being discharged into the Company's lighters, such evidence, coupled with the evidence of fraud practised on the consignees after delivery, would have supported a contention not supported by the evidence as it stands, that those servants were privy to, if not the actual authors of the removal of the missing pieces, the value of which is now being sued for; but whether this would have discharged the ship owners from their liability to deliver the whole amount proved to have been shipped is another question. There will be judgment for the plaintiffs with costs. I certify for counsel.

#### HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report of the Directors of this Company for presentation to the Shareholders at the twenty-first Ordinary General Meeting on Saturday, 5th April, is as follows:—

Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders the annual statement of accounts up to the 31st December 1904.

The net profit including the balance brought forward from last year amounts to \$121,137.07, which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—

To place to Reserve Fund \$10,000.00

To pay a Dividend of 20 per cent 100,000.00

To carry forward to next year's account 11,137.08

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. J. H. Lewis having left the Colony, Mr. H. P. White was invited to take his place on the consulting committee, and Dr. J. W. Noble was also invited to join the committee. In accordance with articles of association, Messrs. A. J. Raymond, D. E. Brown, H. P. White and Dr. J. W. Noble retire, but other members for re-election.

AUDITORS.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. T. Arnold and W. H. Potts who are recommended for re-election.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.  
General Managers,

The accounts are as follows:—

PHOTOFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the year ended 31st December, 1904.

Interest	4,067.64
Exchange	128.77
Auditors' fees	400.00
Consulting committee fees	4,000.00
Depreciation for 1904 written off	14,511.14
<b>Balancce</b>	<b>121,137.07</b>

\$144,961.62

Balance brought forward from 1903 8 30,953.13

Balance from working account 130,965.49

\$144,961.62

BALANCE-SHEET.

LIABILITIES. \$ c.

Capital:—

10,000 shares at \$50 paid up 500,000.00

Surplus available 50,000.00

Due to General Managers 6,808.84

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation 71,000.04

Balancce of profit and loss account 121,137.07

\$751,941.70

ASSETS. \$ c.

Land, factory, machinery &c. in part last account \$245,000.00

Since expended 6,151.14

Less depreciation 231,151.14

236,000.00

Hope, hemp &c. in factory, valued at 267,257.51

Hope on consignment, valued at 18,175.00

Fire insurance premium, for 1905 95,000.00

Stock in hand 2,455.21

Investment of reserve fund 2,455.21

3,820 shares in the China

Provident Life and Mort.

Co., Ltd. at \$8 30,400.00

2,940 shares in the China

Electric Power Co., Ltd.

(New issue) at \$8 20,000.00

50,400.00

\$751,941.70

#### WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory, yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 23rd at 12.5 p.m. The barometer has risen slightly on the China coast.

Pressure remains high over N. China and

Gradients continue rather steep over the

Foxboro Channel and northern shores of the

China Sea, and strong N.E. winds will probably

prevail over those areas.

Forecast.—Strong E. winds; overcast, some

#### CHAMBER OF SHIPPING.

The 28th annual meeting of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom was held on Feb. 17th.

The retiring President, Mr. W. F. G. Anderson, in moving the adoption of the report, observed that a number of important questions had engaged the attention of the executive council during the past year. For some months shipowners interested in the Eastern trade felt justifiably alarmed at the uncertainty which existed on the subject of contraband of war, and still more so by reason of the frequent stoppage and detention of steamships, esp. early by vessels belonging to the Russian *Vinten* Flot. Repeated representations were made to the Foreign Office, but it became evident that there was great difficulty in giving effect to their suggestions during the continuance of the war. It was to be hoped that, after the present was terminated, it might be found practicable to arrive at some understanding with other nations on the subject of contraband, and thus prevent any illegitimate interference with trade.

The chamber for the compliment which they had paid him by electing him as their president, (Cheers.)

Mr. G. T. Henderson, on behalf of the General Shipowners' Society (London), moved

the following resolution:—"That this chamber

protests against the Suez Canal Company

having departed from the terms of the agree-

ment of 1883 made with the British shipowners

providing, *inter alia*, that, after a dividend of

25 per cent had been paid to the shareholders,

all the net profits of the company should be

applied to the reduction of the dues until such

dues were reduced to 5 per ton, and it expresses

its surprise, and regret that, without any

consultation with either this chamber or any

other representative body, the British repres-

entatives on the Canal Board should have

conceded to this departure from the agreement

of 1883 by which the charges for the canal

transit have been since regulated. This

chamber further resolved that copies of this

resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister,

the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the

President of the Board of Trade, the President

of the Suez Canal Company in Paris, and to the

chairman and members of the London Com-

mittee of the Suez Canal Company."

Mr. Daniel Stephens remarked that if

shipowners could only meet those merchants

who traded to the East, and get them to agree,

for a short time, to allow their cargoes to go

to the Cape, the matter would be settled in

less than two months.

Sir John Glover, who was one of the

signatories to the agreement between Mr. de

Lacaze and the British shipowners in 1883,

said that he was in favour of their going

anxiously to their French friends and saying

that they expected them to carry out their

part of the bargain. He maintained that the

shipowners had loyally abided by their part of

it. After further discussion, the resolution was

carried unanimously.

It was also resolved to request the executive

council to use their best efforts to secure that

the owners of all classes of steamships which

make use of the Suez Canal shall be adequately

and fairly represented among the seven shipping

members of the London Committee of the

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## THE HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS (by permission) TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 30th March, 1905, at 5.30 P.M.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOOTE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1905. [835]

## HONGKONG CLUB.

## NOTICE.

THE SEVENTH DRAWING OF SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES of the Hongkong Club \$100 each, was held in the Hongkong Club House on SATURDAY, the 18th inst., when the following Debentures were drawn for redemption:

46 495 787 1117 1562  
67 451 890 1124 1642  
104 478 840 1161 1685  
202 522 854 1223 1792  
304 543 863 1226 1831  
324 646 883 1260 1834  
355 662 912 1279 1868  
365 688 929 1353 1893  
275 679 931 1364 1924  
389 691 939 1419 1928  
396 703 1016 1424 1929  
401 716 1027 1551 1937  
406 719 1084 1580 1957

and will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on the 31st day of March, 1905, in exchange for surrender of same.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1905. [1757]

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Hongkong, 21st September, 1905. [22]

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1905. [761]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY  
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the above Company will be held at the  
OFFICES of the Company, St. George's  
Building, on SATURDAY, the 15th April  
1905, at 12 o'clock Noon, to receive a State-  
ment of Accounts to the 31st December, 1904,  
and the Report of the General Manager and  
Consulting Committee and to Elect a Consult-  
ing Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Association  
will be CLOSED from the 1st of April  
to the 11th of April, 1905, both days inclusive.  
Members holding proxies for absent Share-  
holders must deposit same with the Secretary  
for Registration at least Forty-Eight hours  
before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. S. JACKSON,  
Secretary.

Shanghai, 15th March, 1905. [807]

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

## A JUDGMENT

Defining the term "CONTRABAND OF WAR"  
delivered by

SIR HENRY S. BERKELEY,

Chief Justice of Hongkong.

in the case of

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA v. OWNERS

of the S.S. "PROMETHEUS."

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on FRIDAY, the Thirty-first day of March,  
1905, at Noon, when the Subjoined Resolution  
which was passed at the Extraordinary General  
Meeting of the Company held on the 11th  
March, 1905, will be submitted for confirmation  
of a Special Resolution:

"That Article X of the Company's Articles  
of Association and its marginal notes be and  
the same are hereby cancelled and that there  
be substituted therefor the following Article  
and marginal notes namely:

"Power to X. The Company in General Meeting  
may from time to time increase the  
capital by the creation of new shares  
of such amount as may be deemed  
expedient.

TERMS.—As usual.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
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Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. [824]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions  
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Hongkong, 28th March, 1905. [839]

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Hongkong, 25th March, 1905. 804

## TO LET

### TO LET.

**F**URNISHED, THE CASTLE.  
For particulars, apply to—  
GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON,  
39 & 41, Des Vaux Road.  
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1905. [77]

### TO LET.

**S**UITABLE for Office, TWO ROOMS in  
Prince's Building.  
Apply to—  
LAUTS, WEGENER & CO.  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1905. 161

### TO LET.

**N**o. 3, CANTON VILLAS, Kowloon.  
Apply to—  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. [819]

### TO LET.

**N**EW "KINGSCLEERE" with Stables,  
entrances in both Kennedy and Mac-  
Donald Roads.  
For full particulars, apply to—  
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,  
Alexander Buildings, 3rd Floor.  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1905. 478

### TO LET.

**O**FICE ROOMS at Nos. 12 & 14, Queen's  
Road (Central (Corner House); also  
GODOWNS at Back. Can be let separately  
or wholly. Rent moderate, cheaper if the whole  
is taken on a long lease.

**S**EVEN EUROPEAN HOUSES, late  
F. Blackhead & Co. and Shaw, Toms & Co.'s  
Offices, Ground Floors and Top Floors with  
Godowns can be let separately on leases.  
Apply to—  
CHUNG SHUN KOO,  
12 & 14, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [82]

### TO LET.

**O**FICES in "Hotel Mansions," facing  
New Post Office and Hongkong Hotel.  
Apply to—  
HENRY HUMPHREYS,  
Alexandra Buildings.  
Hongkong, 7th January, 1905. [80]

### TO LET.

**G**LENNIFER, Garden Road, Kow-  
loon, DETACHED HOUSE with  
Garden, Moderate Rental, ready for im-  
mediate occupation.

Apply to—  
HENRY HUMPHREYS,  
or to  
HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND  
FINNCE CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. [820]

### TO LET.

**N**o. 74, CAINE ROAD.  
GODOWNS Nos. 34a, 34b, 34c, Praya East.  
Apply to—  
COMPRADORE'S DEPARTMENT,  
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1905. [84]

### TO LET.

**T**HE PREMISES at present occupied by  
KELLY & WALSH LTD., Queen's Road  
Central.  
Apply—  
KELLY & WALSH LTD.  
Hongkong, 28th March, 1905. [832]

### TO LET.

**F**URNISHED ROOM, with or without  
Board. Terms moderate.  
Apply—  
B. X.,  
Care of Daily Press Office.  
Hongkong, 28th March, 1905. [833]

### TO LET.

**E**YRIE. Unfurnished. Newly repaired,  
Painted and Colourwashed.  
No. 7, BELLIOS TERRACE, 1st Row.  
No. 21, " 3rd Row.  
No. 18, " 3rd Row.  
No. 20, " 3rd Row.  
No. 1, DES VEAUX VILLAS.  
BUNGALOW (Furnished), at New Ter-  
ritory, Kowloon. 4 Rooms, low rental.  
"KELLETT CREST" (Furnished), Peak,  
for 24 months from 15th April to 30th June,  
1905.

**2**ND FLOOR in Central position, containing  
Four Large Rooms, Anteroom and Lavatory,  
&c., with use of Electric Lift. Well suited for  
Offices.  
No. 3, SEYMORE TERRACE (Furnished).  
Apply to—  
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,  
3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings.  
Hongkong, 20th January, 1905. [90]

### TO LET.

**T**WO FIRST-CLASS SHOPS, European  
Style, in Kowloon. Possession on or  
about 31st August, 1905. Moderate Rentals.  
Apply to—  
HUMPHREYS' ESTATE &  
FINNCE CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 21st June, 1904. [97]

### TO LET.

**H**IRANO WATER.  
THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATER.  
PURE, SPARKLING, INVIGORATING.  
THE LEADING MINERAL WATER OF THE EAST.  
Bottled in Japan by H. E. REYNELL & Co.

BEWARE OF JAPANESE IMITATIONS.  
F. BLACKHEAD & CO., AGENTS.  
Hongkong, 31st July, 1904. [36]

### ON SALE.

**T**HE PROVINCE OF SHANTUNG  
ITS TRADE, POPULATION AND FUTURE  
PROSPECTS.  
BY M. O'S.  
Reprinted from "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS",  
Price, 50 cents Cash, Messrs. Kelly & Walsh  
or Daily Press Office.  
Hongkong, 31st January, 1905.

### TO LET.

**S**UITE of OFFICES. Central position  
overlooking Harbour.  
Apply to—  
"24305,"  
Care of Daily Press Office.  
Hongkong, 25th March, 1905. [804]

## AMERICAN SHIPPING SUBSIDIES.

The *Times*, giving an article on American  
Ship Subsidies, comments that it is full of significance  
for the people of this country. It is a  
fresh and striking illustration of those vast and  
far-reaching changes which every thinking man  
must recognize as now taking place in the  
commercial relations of the world, even though  
opinions may be sharply divided as to the right  
method of dealing with them. Every one  
knows that the mercantile marine of the  
United States was practically destroyed during  
the War of Secession, and that, notwithstanding  
the vast increase in the population, prosperity,  
and industry of the country, it has never since  
recovered its old position on the ocean. In fact, so far from  
recovering that position, the native mercantile  
marine of the United States has for many years  
past been steadily losing ground. Before the  
war the tonnage of American registered vessels  
amounted to over five-and-a-half million tons.  
It was then not far behind the contemporary  
tonnage belonging to Great Britain and  
practically equal to that of all other nations.  
Indeed it was far greater than that possessed  
by Great Britain, having been more than twice as great  
as that of Germany, which was given in a  
return on which we commented not long ago  
as a little over 2,200,000 tons. The United  
States tonnage is now less than 900,000 tons.  
Yet the maritime commerce of the United  
States amounts, according to the same return,  
to very nearly five hundred millions annually,  
and is only less by about £114,000,000 than the  
total foreign commerce of Germany by land  
and sea. In 1870 the tonnage of the United  
States was more than a million and a half, and  
this sufficed to carry 35 per cent. of the foreign  
trade of the country. Twenty years later  
President Harrison boasted the fact that this  
percentage had sunk to 12 per cent., and now it  
barely reaches 9 per cent. It is evident that, if  
this decline is not checked, the mercantile marine  
of the United States must sooner or later  
disappear from the seas as completely as it did  
after the War of Secession. But the Americans  
are the last people in the world to regard this  
prospect with apathy and complacency.  
They are wealthy, prosperous, and energetic,  
they do not allow fiscal prejudices to override  
national interests, and they have lately been  
inspired with a fuller and more active appre-  
ciation of the position of the United States as a  
world-Power. Many successive Presidents have  
as we show elsewhere, done their best to arouse  
the nation to a sense of the parlous state of its  
mercantile marine. But they appealed for the  
most part to deaf or unwilling ears. The  
people of the United States were too busy  
doing work "which lay close to their hands" to  
be able to give time to dreams of world-wide  
commerce." Their internal trade was so  
vast and fraught with such inexhaustible  
possibilities of development that, until the  
Cuban war came to reveal them as in a  
vision, the larger destinies of their country,  
they were little disposed to listen to the  
appeals successively made to them by men like  
President Grant, President Arthur, Mr. Blaine,  
President Harrison, and President McKinley.  
They were doing very well at home, and  
they were content for foreign shipping to take  
its toll of their trade across the seas. Now, however,  
President Roosevelt makes the appeal with  
far more favourable auspices. His own personal  
experience counts for much, but its acceptance  
with time and circumstance counts even for  
more. The Americans are learning to think  
Imperially, and the primordial basis of sea  
power—an indigenous and flourishing mercantile  
marine—now appeals alike to their interests and  
to their imagination. The Commission appointed  
by President Roosevelt has taken evidence  
at selected centres of commerce, industry, and  
population throughout the United States, and  
the report that "public sentiment" is  
practically unanimous not merely in desiring,  
but in demanding, an American ocean fleet,  
well armed, officered, and as far as may be,  
manoeuvred by our own people." What the people  
of the United States unanimously demand is  
that the American people regard it, for they are  
convinced that the position of this country on  
the seas is largely due to historical causes, and  
not to an aptitude for the sea and its uses  
which they have any reason to despise of  
rivalry—and, as public money is not scarce  
in America when the people are satisfied with  
its application, it seems more than probable  
that the United States will before long become  
a very formidable competitor for a share  
proportionate to its abounding energy and its  
inexhaustible resources in the maritime  
commerce of the world. Our Correspondent  
continues the *Times*, gives a full summary of the  
measures recommended by the Commission for  
the attainment of this end. It is proposed,  
first, to create a volunteer naval reserve consisting  
of 20,000 men in all, who are to receive  
retainers, varying according to rank, age, and  
employment, of from fifteen to 100 dollars annually;  
secondly, to pay an annual subsidy, subject to  
certain prescribed conditions, of five dollars per  
gross registered ton for every vessel, steam or  
European. In American shipyards, because higher wages are demanded and obtained  
by American than by European seamen; and  
thirdly, because most European Governments  
pay mail subsidies or bounties to ships plying  
on the most desirable routes. It is all a  
question of money, therefore—or at least so  
the American people regard it, for they are  
convinced that the position of this country on  
the seas is largely due to historical causes, and  
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itself, engaged in the foreign trade or deep-sea  
fisheries, with proportionate subsidies for shorter  
routes; thirdly, to pay subventions at increased  
rates to procure the establishment of regular lines  
of steamships on ten specified new routes, including  
routes to Cuba, Mexico, and Central South  
America, to South Africa, and across the Pacific; and  
fourthly, to impose an increased scale of  
tonnage taxes on all vessels, American as well  
as foreign, which enter American ports in the  
foreign trade—a precedent for which is alleged  
to be found in the British Light Dues. By  
virtue of these measures the Commission are of  
opinion that American shipping will be able to  
compete on favourable terms with the foreign  
shipping, principally British, now engaged in  
carrying the bulk of the oversea commerce of the  
United States. That they will make the  
competition much more severe than it is at  
present cannot be disputed for a moment. But it still remains to be seen whether the  
subsidies and other subventions proposed,  
enormous as they are in the aggregate, will suffice  
to induce American shipowners and  
American shipmen to undertake so large a  
portion of their business as would  
defy competition altogether. If the initial  
cost of a ship built in this country is from 30 to  
50 per cent. less than the cost of a similar ship  
built in the United States, and if the working  
expenses of the British ship are, so far as they  
depend on the rate of wages, also less than the  
corresponding working expenses of the Ameri-  
can ship, it is evident that the subsidy must be a  
very heavy one which will enable the American  
ship to compete on anything like equal terms  
with the British ship. By this as it may be,  
ever, it is not less certain that the prospect is  
by no means a pleasant one for the British  
shipowner. The Americans are not the people  
to do things by halves and if, having once  
resolved on a policy of subventions, they find  
that the subventions proposed are insufficient,  
they will not hesitate to increase the dose until  
the required effect is produced. It will be  
urged, perhaps, that the dose will need to be so  
strong as to kill the patient in the end. Time  
will show. In the meanwhile the patient's  
health will assuredly have no easy time of it.

## NAVAL PROGRAMME.

### THE NEW SHIPS.

The estimates for national defence, which will  
shortly be issued to Parliament, are framed on  
the principle of co-ordinating the naval and  
military services both at home and abroad.  
A minimum economical basis, consistent with  
efficiency, is being aimed at, and the over-lapping  
of previous years between the two services will be  
obliterated. There will be reductions in  
the military garrisons of the colonies, and in  
the case of some of the smaller stations the  
navy will assume an increased responsibility.  
At home, of course, the aquatic defences pass  
into naval charge, although the army will provide  
new coast defence staffs for land work.  
The shipbuilding programme, in view of  
events in the Russo-Japanese war, and of the  
purchase by the British Government of the two  
Chilian ships, will not be particularly extensive  
one, but it is devised on a basis which will  
keep us ahead of combinations of Germany  
in the year's building.  
Three armoured ships will be provided this  
year for construction in the Royal dockyards at  
Portsmouth, Chatham, and Devonport, and  
of contract vessels there will be one or two.  
These vessels will be battleships, except in  
the case of one or two armoured cruisers. An exception may be  
made in the case of one battleship, and the  
cruiser may be of record tonnage, according  
to the new ideas of battleship construction.  
Small craft and guns will be provided for an  
adequate scale.

When Rear Admiral Percy Scott joins for  
duty at the Admiralty, he is to give attention  
to the subject

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

ACHILLES, British str., 4,483, R. C. Thompson, 27th Mar., Shanghai 24th Mar., General. — Butterfield & Swire.  
AGAMEMNON, British str., 4,461, Robert Day, 27th Mar., Singapore 22nd Mar., General. — Butterfield & Swire.  
ASCOR, British str., 2,755, Cox, 28th March. — Chinawantoo 18th March and Chefoo 24th. Ballast — Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
BENGUL, British str., 1,933, H. W. Bea, 28th March. — Yokohama via Shanghai 24th. March, General. — Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
HAICHING, British str., 1,267, A. E. Hodges, 28th March. — Foo Chow, Amoy and Swatow 27th March, General. — Douglas Lapcew & Co.  
HANOI, French str., 733, P. Morleg, 28th Mar., Hanoi 25th Mar. — A. R. Marti.  
HUN, French str., 765, Godin, 28th March. — Hainhong and Port 27th Mar., General. — A. R. Marti.  
KARON, Norwegian str., 1,571, Joliamen, Cardiff 30th Jan. and Port Said 23rd Feb., Con. — Order.  
LOONGKONG, German str., 1,500, Kalkofen, 28th March. — Shanghai 25th March, General. — Siemssen & Co.  
PLATADES, Amer. str., 2,932, F. G. Purington, 28th March. — Manila 25th March, — and Sugar — Dowell & Co.  
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH, German str., 8,874, E. Prain, 28th March. — Bremer 15th Feb. and Singapore 27th March. — Mails and General — Melchers & Co.  
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD, German str., 3,920, H. Kirchner, 28th March. — Yokohama 18th March. — Mails and General — Melchers & Co.  
TAIWAN, British str., 1,169, H. Harder, 28th March. — Shanghai 25th Mar. and Swatow 27th, General. — Butterfield & Swire.  
ZAFIRO, British str., 1,611, R. Rodger, 28th March. — Manila 25th March, General. — Shawan, Tomes & Co.

## CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
28th March.  
Aegmonen, British str., for Shanghai.  
Aihall, British str., for Shanghai.  
Bengle, British str., for Kohi-hang.  
Huang, British str., for Swatow.  
Mano, Japan, Amer. str., for Baltimore.  
Scandia, British str., for Kobe.  
Sobral, British str., for Canton.  
Tatean, British str., for Canton.  
Triumph, German str., for Swatow.

## DEPARTURES.

28th March.  
Foy, British str., for Nagasaki.  
Hannu, British str., for Swatow.  
Lokang, British str., for Canton.  
P. E. Fuhrich, German str., for Shanghai.  
Rambout, Norwegian str., for Saesoo.  
Taming, British str., for Manila.  
Tunian, Norwegian str., for Kobe.  
Wosung, British str., for Shanghai.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Taiwan* reports: Light winds, fine and clear weather to Chapel Island; dense fog vicinity of Lumcoks; from thence to port fresh N.E. wind and rough sea.  
The American str. *Platiades* reports: Light and moderate variable winds, smooth sea, and fine weather first part of passage. Latter part overcast and cloudy with light rain and fog, moderate N.E. winds.  
The German str. *Prinz Regent Luitpold* reports: Between Nagasaki and Shanghai strong N.E. wind and high sea. The departure from Shanghai on the 25th inst. was delayed 13 hours by fog. Steamer anchored 12 miles off Wosung in thick fog from 12.45 p.m. to 2 a.m. on the 26th inst.; thence fine weather and moderate N.E. winds to Hongkong.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

28th March.  
ABERDEEN DOCKS. — *Telamachus*, Germanic.  
KOWLOON DOCKS. — *Westminster*, Bridge.  
H.M.S. *Whiting*, Sungtang, Likiu, U.S.S. *Bainbridge*, U.S.S. *Berry*, U.S.S. *Chancery*, U.S.S. *Dale*, U.S.S. *Decatur*, U.S.S. *Wisconsin*, *Reuben*, U.S. General *Alard*.  
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK. — *Lyceum*.

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"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.  
FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.  
THE Company's Steamship

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Captain C. H. Burch, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 28th inst., at 4 p.m.

This steamer has superior accommodation for passengers.

## For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, 21st March, 1905.

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.  
THE Company's Steamship

## "HAI-CHING".

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## DOUGLAS LA PRAIA &amp; CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1905.

FOR NEW YORK  
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

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THE Steamship

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Captain Nichols, due here on or about April 3rd, will be despatched as above at Daylight on the 6th.

She will be followed by the a.s. "HUDSON," Captain Burnett, sailing hence on or about April 25th.

## For Freight &amp; further information, apply to

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Oriental Freight Department,  
4, Des Voeux Road, Central,  
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1905.

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Hongkong, 15th March, 1904.

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2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.  
4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & B.R.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP.	MERIONETHSHIRE.	Brit. str.	—	C. H. Burch	SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MALACCA.	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Babat, R.N.R.	1. & O. S. N. Co.	About 29th inst.
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL.	NOTIA.	Brit. str.	1 m.	F. N. Tillard	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 8th April, at Noon.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MACHAON.	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 11th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	KASIOV.	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 25th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	JASON.	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th May.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL.	PINGSHIEY.	Frenstr.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd May.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	TOURANE.	Frenstr.	—	Girard.	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 4th April, at 1 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	P. R. LUITPOLD.	Gor. str.	k. w.	H. Kirchner.	MELCHERS & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	STEVIA.	Gor. str.	k. w.	Knigsiel.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 4th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	SILESIA.	Gor. str.	k. w.	Bahle.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 2nd May.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	SILVONIA.	Gor. str.	k. w.	Madsen.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 16th May.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	SEGOVIA.	Gor. str.	k. w.	Schoenfeld.	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 30th May.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	ALCINOID.	Brit. str.	1 m.	Jaburg.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th May.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	LARIBES.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	To-morrow, P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	M. BACQUEHEN.	Aus. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	About 18th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	LOWTH CASTLE.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 6th April, at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	SCUYLKILL.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	About 25th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	HUDSON.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	To-day.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	NUBIA.	Brit. str.	k. w.		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 25th May.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	EMPEROR OF CHINA.	Brit. str.	2 m.		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	To-day.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	TAUTAR.	Brit. str.	1 m.		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 26th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	PLEIADES.	Amer. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	To-morrow.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	TELEMACHUS.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 20th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	NICOMEDIA.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 11th April, at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	AUSTRALIAN.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 8th April, at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	CHINGUCH.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 10th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	PERA.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	About 2nd April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	TAIYUAN.	Brit. str.	1 m.		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 4th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	NINGPO.	Brit. str.	1 m.		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	To-day.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	FUSSANG.	Brit. str.	1 m.		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 31st inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	TAIWAN.	Brit. str.	1 m.		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 1st April, at 4 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	LYBEMOON.	Frenstr.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	About 3rd April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	ABRAHAM BERIC.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 4th April, at 10 A.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	CLARA JEWELL.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	About 7th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	CORONADEL.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 1st April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	SZECHUAN.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	APPENDA.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 2nd April, at 10 A.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	E. B. ORMOND.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 5th April, at 8 A.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	DECIMA.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 31st inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	SUNOKAN.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 4th April, at Daylight.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	BURNA.	Brit. str.	2 h.		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	HAICHING.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	YUENSANG.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 1st April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	ZAPERO.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 4th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	TEAN.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 8th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	RUBI.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	About 12th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	TREMONT.	Amer. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 1st April, at 4 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	MAUSANG.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	Quick despatch.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	TOJPANAS.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG.	KUMSANG.	Brit. str.	—		SANDER, WIELER & CO.	

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## OUTWARDS.

STEAMERS	FROM	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"JASON"	On 1st April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"LAERTES"	On 8th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DARDANUS"	On 8th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CHINGWU"	On 13th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 17th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DIOMED"	On 21st April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CALCHAS"	On 28th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DEUCALION"	On 6th May.

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STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"MACHAON"
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AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"KAISOW"
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VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"TELEMACHUS" ... On 20th April.

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SHANGHAI	"NINGPO"
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SHANGHAI	"TAIWAN"
NINGPO	"SZECHUAN"
MANILA	"TEAN"
KOBE	"TAIXUAN"
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Hongkong, 29th March, 1905.

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STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Hodger	Manila.	Saturday, 1st April.
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For Freight or Passage apply to

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Hongkong, 27th March, 1905.

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HONGKONG DIRECT, OR VIA CHEFOO OR CHIN-WAN-TAO, TO DURBAN, NATAL.

The following chartered steamers will run at intervals of about 3 weeks:

S.S. "LOTHIAN"	... Captain J. C. Williamson.
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For Freight, apply to

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1905.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON and ANTWERP	MALACCA	About 29th March	Freight and Passage.
VASINGAPORE-PENANG	G. W. Balfour, E.N.L.	March	Freight only.
COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES			

YOKOHAMA via SHANGHAI	PERA	About 2nd April	Freight only.
MOJI and KOBE	A. L. Valentini	April	

SHANGHAI	CORONADEL	About 7th April	Freight and Passage.
	G. M. Montford, E.N.L.		

LONDON, &c.	NUBIA	Neon, 8th April	See Special Advertisement.
	F. N. Tillard		

For further Particulars, apply to

L. S. LEWIS,  
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Hongkong, 27th March, 1905.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,  
REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN  
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STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TIJANAS	JAPAN	First half of April	JAVA FORTS	First half of April
TIJATJAP	JAVA	First half of April	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	First half of April
TIJIMAH	JAVA	First half of April	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	Second half of April

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian ports on through Bills of Lading.

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Alexandra Buildings, 3rd Floor.  
Hongkong, 20th March, 1905.

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Miss L. D. Bambauer	Mr. A. F. Lewis
Mrs. Battie	Mr. V. S. Longman
Mr. E. Hau	Mr. Longman
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Mr. W. S. Bissell	Miss McNeer
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Mr. Q. J. Blending	Mr. & Mrs. F. W. F.
Mr. & Mrs. F. Boggon	and infant
Mr. J. H. Bonne	Mr. P. J. Massey
Mr. E. A. Bonner	Mr. & Mrs. E. Meikle
Mr. W. B. Borthwick	Mr. H. F. Miller
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Mr. & M. T. C. Downing	Misses Robertson (2)
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Mr. G. H. Edwards	Mr. P. Schurz
Mr. C. J. Farson	Mr. W. Scott
Mr. C. P. Folys	Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Scott
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## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Armand Bélic*, with the French Mail of the 3rd March, left Singapore on Monday, the 27th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 3rd April. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 28th January.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PRR	DATE
Macao	Wednesday, 29th, 7.30 A.M.	
Canton	Wednesday, 29th, 7.30 A.M.	
Durban	Wednesday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.	
Singapore	Wednesday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.	
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Wednesday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.	
SINGAPORE, NAGOZAKI, KYOTO, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA, AND VANCOUVER (B.C.)	Wednesday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.	
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail, Extra Postage 10 cents)		

EUROPE, &c., India via Tunicorin .....  
(Lato Letters 11.00 to 11.50 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents).  
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail).

Macao	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Moji	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Swarow, Singapor and Penang	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Kowloon, Kuchuk and Kankong	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Canton	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Namao	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Santung	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Canton	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Straits and Rangoon	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Swarow, Amoy and Fusan	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Hoichow and Bangkok	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Haiphong	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Swarow, Amoy and Foochow	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Kowloon, Kuchuk, Shiu-hing and Tak-hing	Wednesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.

TO-DAY.  
Sale Stores, Volunteer Head Quarters, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 11 a.m.  
Sale, Furniture, "Fairview," Robinson Road, Kowloon, Geo. P. Lammet, 2.45 p.m.  
TO-MORROW.  
Sale, Furniture, 16, Kneads Terrace, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2.30 p.m.  
Annual General Meeting of Hongkong Rifle Association, Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

28th March.

ON LONDON.—  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1704  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 1210.2  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 1105  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 1104  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 1105  
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight/104

ON PARIS.—  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 2363  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 237

ON GERMANY.—  
On demand ..... 190

ON NEW YORK.—  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 454  
Credits, 60 days' sight ..... 454

ON BOMBAY.—  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1384  
Bank, on demand ..... 1384

ON CALCUTTA.—  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1381  
Bank, on demand ..... 1384

ON SHANGHAI.—  
Bank, at sight ..... 713  
Private, 30 days' sight ..... 725

ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand ..... 91

ON MANILA.—On demand—Pesos 903

ON SINGAPORE.—On demand ..... 61 p.c. pm.

ON BATAVIA.—On demand ..... 1112

ON HAI-FOONG.—On demand ..... 12.45 p.m.

ON SAIGON.—On demand ..... 1.1 p.c. pm.

ON BANGKOK.—On demand ..... 614

GOVERNMENT, Bank's Buying Rate ..... 810.65

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael ..... 855.60

BAR SILVER, per oz. ..... 26.24

## OPIUM.

25th March.

Quotations are—Allow 10% to 1 catty.

Malwa New ..... \$1120 to — per pound

Malwa Old ..... \$1160 to — "

Malwa Older ..... \$1250 to — "

Malwa V. Old ..... \$1330 to — "

Persian fine quality ..... \$900 to — "

Persian extra fine ..... \$890 to — "

Patna New ..... \$1175 to — per chintz

Patna Old ..... \$1 — to — "

Banaras New ..... \$1055 to — "

Banaras Old ..... \$1 — to — "

— to — "